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1. There is no immediate danger of Chinese Communist military occupation of Mukden. The Nationalists will send troops from Changchun, Kirin and Ssuningchieh to Mukden's defense before the situation reaches that stage.
2. It is possible that the objective of the present offensive may be Mukden but it is felt that the main purpose is to force the Nationalists to give up Changchun and Kirin by threatening the Mukden area. It is also felt that the Chinese Communists want Changchun and Kirin in order to control the Hsiao-fengman power plant and to open the railroad from Harbin through Jiafacan and Kirin to connect the Hailiang and Hsian railroad lines, thus gaining practically complete control of Manchuria. It is believed that the Communists intend to make Changchun their capital and to use it as a base for driving on Mukden.
3. The Nationalists do not plan to destroy the power plant upon withdrawal.
4. On 23 December the Nationalists felt that they could prevent a Chinese Communist siege / capture of Mukden with the troops they now have in Mukden and the army which is supposed to be flown from Hopei Province.
5. The situation in Mukden is not as serious as played up by the American correspondents. The attacking "Communist Army" may often consist of from two to three hundred marauders who are not under a central leadership.

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